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(c) whether the desirability of insisting upon societies, at least the bigger ones, to publish their balance sheets either in the Gazette or on the notice board of the society's office in the interests of members and depositors has at any time been considered by the Government?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, for the reason that the movement, having since grown considerably, did not need that kind of propaganda.

(c) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by publishing balance sheets of societies in the Gazette. The other mode of publication suggested will, however, be considered.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" The answer to clause (a) is in the affirmative. May I know, Sir, whether the publication was made free of cost or at the cost of the societies? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I have no information. I presume it was done free of cost."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister, Sir, whether it is not better for the popularity of these societies that the public should be made aware of their working with facts and figures? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" If the societies want it, publication will be made, provided they pay the cost."

Working of the Co-operative Unions.

* 527 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many unions are functioning well;

(b) in how many unions the collection of principal to demand was 50 per cent or more during the last three years ; and

(c) in how many unions societies cleared off interest to the banks by 30th June during the last three years?

A.—(a) It is difficult to give any definite number. Approximately one-third of the unions (of which there are just over 300) may be said to be working well.

(b)—

Year.	Number of unions.
1932–33	60
1933–34	62
1934–35	59

(c)—

Year.	Number of unions.
1932–33	82
1933–34	90
1934–35	74